

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Applicant:	§	
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Ran OREN et al	§	
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Serial No.:	§	
US National Phase of	§	
PCT/IL2005/000254	§	
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Filed:	§	Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
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For:	§	
Suture Manipulating And	§	
Cutting Implement	§	
	§	Attorney
	§	Docket: 32176
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Examiner:	§	
Not Yet Assigned	§	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: